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Honorable John W. Hodnett, Jr. Mayor City of Hoover Hoover, Alabama 35216

Municipalities - Funds - Insurance

Establishment of juvenile work release program in Hoover discussed.

Dear Mayor Hodnett:

This office is in receipt of the opinion request of the City of Hoover regarding the possibilities of establishing a juvenile work program to supplement current juvenile disciplinary programs.

It is the opinion of this office that under the well-established Dillon rule a city does not have the authority to establish a juvenile work release program. The Legislature has simply not endowed them with such authority. Such a program may be established only by the municipal court judge. Code of Alabama 1975, § 12-14-10. Therefore, a response to your other inquiries appears to be unnecessary.

I do hope that this response fully answers your inquiry. If not, however, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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